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CONFINED SPACE TRAINING PRODUCTS

SYNOPSIS:

HQ AFCEA has fielded the first in a series of confined space training products. These products will provide standardized familiarization and training programs for confined space entry and rescue. Each installation can use these materials as the foundation for developing site-specific programs.

A recent Air Force Audit Agency audit identified deficiencies in how confined space programs are being managed. Lack of understanding and inadequate training on confined spaces were part of the problem. The products being developed by HQ AFCEA are designed to provide a mechanism for USAF personnel familiarization and training.

The confined space training initiative is divided into four distinct parts: (1) General Worker: Entrant, Attendant, & Supervisor (Video and Computer-based compact disc (CD) set); (2) Emergency Responder - Awareness CD; (3) Emergency Responder - Operations CD; and (4) Emergency Responder - Technician CD.

Part one of the series has a broad target audience. This program consists of the familiarization video and a computer-based training CD. Anyone involved in confined space management, entry, or rescue should benefit from this program. We have distributed copies of the video to all USAF fire departments, and the CD is currently being reproduced for distribution to all bio-environmental fire and safety organizations. We encourage fire departments to share these materials with wing safety, bio-environmental personnel, and any others who make confined space entries. Furthermore, the AFSC is investigating the feasibility of assigning a Product Identification Number (PIN) to the video, so that any organization can request copies through the Defense Audiovisual Information Service.

Parts two, three, and four, to be released this summer, will specifically target our emergency response force. The Awareness, Operations, and Technician training material will afford levels of competency similar to those provided by the Hazardous Materials Emergency Responder series. Fire fighters will be able to increase their knowledge of confined space rescue techniques in a modular building block sequence. Each training package will include a CD along with student and instructor manuals to support classroom and required hands-on practical training.

There are no plans to create a DoD certification for confined space rescue. However, each CD does contain a tracking, testing, and evaluation mechanism for local fire departments to track and certify their personnel at the various levels of competency.

Confined Space Series - Estimated Release Dates:

1. General Worker Video: Released Dec 1999
2. General Worker CD: July 2000
3. Emergency Responder - Awareness CD: Released April 2000
4. Emergency Responder - Operations CD: June 2000
5. Emergency Responder - Technician CD: August 2000

ACCESSIBILITY:

Copies of these products are automatically distributed to each USAF fire department. Additional copies of these products can be requested from:

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Questions regarding these products should be directed to the point of contact listed below. Check out the HQ AFCEA home page (<http://www.afcesa.af.mil>) for information on other available training materials.

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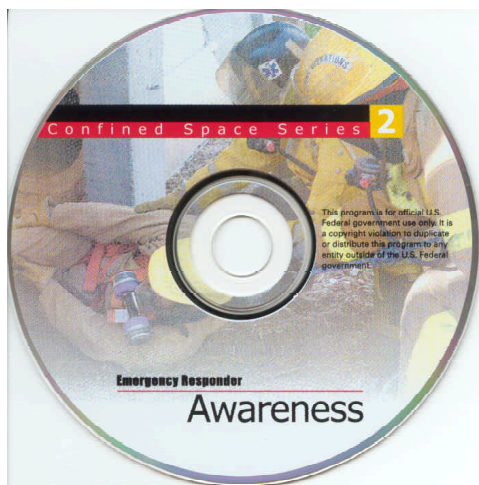
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